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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—E. ALCAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Holborn Hill. E.C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 2, Old Jewry. E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—Swatow, Quelch & Campbell, Amoy, Giles & Co., Foochow, Hedges & Co., Shanghai, Lane, Crawford & Co., and Kelly & Co., Manila, C. Heimann & Co., Macao, L. A. da Gama.

## BANKS.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREES OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848,

—a n d —

BY IMPERIAL DECREES OF 26TH JULY, 1864, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF  
30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. £ Sterling.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL,..., 30,000,000 3,200,000  
RESERVE FUND,..., 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris, LONDON AGENCY.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.  
AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.  
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.  
INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the offices.

CHR. DE GUIGNE,  
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,..., 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND,..., 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—A. ANDRÉ, Esq.  
J. F. CORDES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.  
H. HOPPITS, Esq. F. D. SASCOON, Esq.  
A. MOIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong, . . . JAMES GREIG, Esq.  
Manager.  
Shanghai, . . . EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED  
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits :—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

ON SALE.

THE  
CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, Historical, Mythological and General Literary References.

BY  
WILLIAM FREDERICK MATHER.  
Price: \$3.

Shanghai, . . . KELLY & CO.  
Hongkong, . . . "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name pro procura-  
tion.

A. MAGG. HEATON.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-  
partnership from the First day of  
January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-  
brokers at this Port, under the style of  
MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.  
E. O. RAY.  
Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

### NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our  
Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr  
E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by  
procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & CO.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Established myself as  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT  
at the Ports of Takow and Taiwanfoo.

P. F. DA SILVA.  
Formosa, April 1, 1876.

### NOTICE.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-  
GRAPH COMPANY.

DURING my absence from Hongkong  
the MANAGEMENT of the above  
Company's Station will be TAKEN OVER  
by Mr C. B. JOSEN, who has been  
appointed ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

A. SCULSON,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1876.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-  
GRAPH COMPANY.

I BEG to notify that I have been appointed  
ACTING SUPERINTENDENT for  
the above Company's Station at this Port  
from this date.

CARL CHR. BOJESEN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1876.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate,  
marked on the covers, "Tender for  
Army Contracts," will be Received by the  
Undersigned until Noon on MONDAY,  
the 10th Instant, for the undermentioned  
Services required by the War Department  
here during the year ending 31st March,  
1877.

1.—Cleansing the Nullah on the East  
side of Murray Barracks.  
2.—Cleansing, and keeping the Nullah on  
the last side of the North Barracks  
clear from all obstructions.

There will be a separate Tender for each  
service.

No Tender will be accepted from any  
person in Government employ.

Terms of Tender and all necessary in-  
formation can be obtained at this Office  
between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

O. R. SHERVINTON,  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Assistant Commissary General,  
Commissariat Office,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1876.

A CHORAL FESTIVAL will be held  
in St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL on  
EASTER TUESDAY, at 4 p.m.

Mendelssohn's Cantata, "Lauda Sion"  
will be Sung.  
Hongkong, April 4, 1876.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAM-BOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FIRST Class Fare on the Hongkong and  
Canton route has been Reduced to \$3  
for Single trip & \$6 Return.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1876.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

A SPECIAL AGENCY of the Company has  
been Opened in LONDON, under the  
Management of Mr WALDEMAR SCHMIDT,  
at 8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

By Order, W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 28, 1876.

SPANISH CONSULATE, HONGKONG.

TENDERS for the CONSTRUCTION of  
SIX BOILERS for Spanish Men-of-War  
will be RECEIVED at this Consulate  
until the 22nd April next, at Noon.

No proposition will be admitted if it  
exceed the price fixed by Government and  
do not agree with the Form, Conditions,  
and Plans, which will be exposed at the  
Office of the Consulate every working day  
from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A. FARAUO,  
Consul for Spain.  
Hongkong, March 31, 1876.

NOTICE.

A fresh supply of the "Little  
Wanzer" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

## INTIMATIONS.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all CREDITORS and other Persons having  
any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or  
against the Estate of JOHN WOTHERSPOON,  
late of Bangkok in the Kingdom of  
Siam, who died on the 6th day of July,  
1871, and whose Will was duly proved in  
the Probate Jurisdiction of the Supreme  
Court of Hongkong by WILLIAM HENRY  
BREERETON, of 29, Queen's Road, Hong-  
kong, Solicitor, to whom Letters of Adminis-  
tration, with the Will annexed were duly  
granted by the said Court on the 10th day  
of March, 1876, are hereby required to  
SEND in writing the PARTICULARS of  
their Claims or Demands to the said WILL-  
IAM HENRY BREERETON, on or before the  
1st day of July next; and notice is hereby  
also given, that at the expiration of the last  
mentioned day the said WILLIAM HENRY  
BREERETON will proceed to distribute the  
Assets of the said JOHN WOTHERSPOON  
amongst the parties entitled thereto, having  
regard to the Claims of which he has then  
had notice; and that the said WILLIAM  
HENRY BREERETON will not be liable for the  
Assets or any part thereof so distributed to  
any person of whose Claims he has not  
had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1876.

W. H. BREERETON,  
29, Queen's Road, Hongkong,  
myself] Solicitor.

NOTICE.

THE WORLD, WHENCE COMETH? Or  
What Certain Physicians are Saying  
By Tu Quocque, Shanghai, 1876. 1 VOL.

PRICE—\$1.00 Stamped.  
\$1.25 Bound.

Applies to  
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1876.

NOTICE.

STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED, OF HANLEY.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appoint-  
ed Agents in Hongkong and Shanghai for  
the above Company, are prepared to  
issue Policies of Fire Insurance at current  
rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,  
OF LONDON.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appoint-  
ed Agents in Hongkong for the above  
Company, are prepared to issue Policies of  
Marine Insurance at current rates, payable  
in London, India, Australia, New Zealand,  
Straits, Mauritius, Java, Manila, China,  
Japan, California, &c., &c.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will  
be held at the CLUB HOUSE on THURS-  
DAY, the 13th Instant, at Half-past Four  
o'clock in the afternoon.

By Order, EDWARD BEART,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 5, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will  
be held at the CLUB HOUSE on THURS-  
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Hongkong, April 5, 1876.

NOTICE.



## Mails.

STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton and London;  
Also, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and  
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
*GEELONG*, Captain C. Fraser, with  
Her Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Specie, and  
Cargo, will leave this for the above places,  
on THURSDAY, the 13th April, at  
Noon.  
CARGO will be received on board until  
Noon : SPRELS and PARCELS at the  
Office until 2 p.m. on the 13th Idem.  
For particulars regarding Freight and  
Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES  
ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and  
Value of the Packages for the Overland Route  
is required by the Egyptian Government, and  
must be delivered by the Shippers to the  
Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or  
with Parcels; and the Company do not hold  
themselves responsible for any detention or  
protection which may happen from incorrect-  
ness on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's  
Black Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the  
option of forwarding all Goods ship-  
ped by their Steamers for Europe through  
Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their  
own Steamers, or in vessels employed for  
the purpose.

A. McIVER, Superintendent,  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, March 30, 1876.

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## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STREAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "COLORADO"  
will be despatched for San Francisco,  
via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 15th  
April, 1876, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers,  
and Freight, for Japan, the United States,  
and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills  
of Lading are issued for transportation to  
Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San  
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and  
South America, and to New York and  
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mita Blash S. S. Com-  
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea  
Ports, about same date, and make close  
connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection  
of various lines of Steamers to England,  
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, March 31, 1876.

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Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
ship Company.TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRALand  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC," will be de-  
patched for San Francisco, via Yoko-  
hama, on MONDAY, the 1st May,  
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers  
for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of 20th instant. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the Office until 5 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6  
months are issued at a reduction of 20 per  
cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight  
of Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1876.

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## NOW READY.

WENGSHUI, or, THE REDIMENTS OF  
NATIONAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.  
E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price,  
\$1.50.

BUDDHISM, Its History, Theory and  
Popular Belief, in three Lectures.  
By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One  
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane,  
Crawford & Co.;  
Hongkong, July 21, 1875.

## Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.  
EDWARD NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-  
TION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAELS

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to  
all parts of the world at current rates.  
This Association will, until further no-  
tice, provide out of the earnings, first for  
an Interest Dividend of 15% to Share-  
holders on Capital, and thereafter distrib-  
uted among Policy holders, annually, in  
cash. ALL The Profits of the Underwriting  
Business pro rata to amount of premium  
contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Coals in Matsheads, on Goods on board  
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-  
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurance will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore, Sal-  
agon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

## NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are prepared  
to grant Insurance as follows:—

## Marine Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

## Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World,  
in accordance with the Company's Articles of  
Association. Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premiums contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-  
TION OF SHANGHAI.

## NOTICE.

After this date, the above Association  
will allow a Brokerage of Thirty-  
three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on  
Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

## NOW READY.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.

The Undersigned Agents are in receipt  
of Instructions from the Board of  
Directors authorizing them to issue Policies  
to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first  
class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on  
adjusting risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1875.

## Insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.

CAPITAL..... \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company in  
Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to  
issue Policies of Marine Insurance,  
payable in Australia, London, Calcutta,  
Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at  
current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 8, 1875.

## J. J. V. JONES.

Now Ready.

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Trade Soc.

Hongkong School-book Committee.

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China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 11, 1876.

## THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has

been very much extended. The fol-

lowing are some of its Agents:—

Macao.—Man Chuen Shop.

Canton.—Sing Chuen Native Post Office,

Luen Hin Street; Choi Heung Low Hotel;

Kwong Tin Fat Shop; Yan

Tsai Street; Mr Siu Chuen Fan, Tung Wan

Kwan; Yuen Fong Shop; in front of the

Provincial Treasury; Yamen; How Yuen

Shop; Small Market Street; New City; Yee

Cheung Photograph Shop; Honam; Kwai

Heung Shop; Siu Chong, Bonam.

Swatow.—Sui Cheong Hong; Woh Shuh

Loong Hong.

Amoy.—Okin Cheung Hong; Mook Kok

Street.

Foochow.—Mr Yih Ching Cheong, Foo-

Chow Arsenal; Mr Lum Kwok Ching, Mar-

itime Customs; Mr Wai Chiu, Martime

Customs; Mr Chiun Sing Hol, Meas-

sure Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Mr Kwong

Chuen Fook, Educational Mission School;

and Mow Sing Sang Kee shop.

Ningpo.—Mr Sung Min Chee

## Intimations.

**OAKEY'S WELLINGTON KNIFE POLISH**

PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE PATENT KNIFE-CLEANING MACHINES, INDIA RUBBER AND BUFF LEATHER KNIFE BOARDS. KNIVES CONSTANTLY CLEANED WITH A SPONGE WHICH IS DIPPED IN OIL NEWCASTLE. PACKETS 10D. EACH; AND TINS, 10D. 1/2D. AND 1D. EACH.

**OAKEY'S****INDIA RUBBER KNIFE BOARDS**

PREVENT FRICION IN CLEANING AND INJURY TO THE KNIFE BY THE WELLINGTON KNIFE POLISH WHICH SHOULD BE USED WITH HIS BOARDS.

**OAKEY'S****SILVERSMITHS SOAP**

(NON-MERCURIAL) FOR CLEANING AND POLISHING SILVER, ELECTRO-PLATE, PLATE GLASS, &amp;c. TABLETS 6D. EACH.

**OAKEY'S****WELLINGTON BLACK LEAD**

IN SOLID BLOCKS—1D., 2D., &amp; 4D. EACH, &amp; 18L. BOXES.

**JOHN OAKEY & SONS**  
MANUFACTURERS OF  
EMERY, BLACK LEAD, CABINET, GLASS, PAPER, &c.  
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Boots and Shoes, Preserved Provisions,

Wines and Spirits, Ale and Beers,

Stationery, Perfumery,

Books, Toys, &amp;c., &amp;c.

Shipped at Lowest Export Price.

Sole Agents for the "Wauzees" and the "Gresham" Sewing Machines for the City of London.

Foreign Produce disposed of for a Commission of 2d per cent.

Price Lists can be had of Messrs Wheately &amp; Co., Bombay, and at the Office of the Englishman in Newspaper, Calcutta.

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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenartney having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boat delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-morrow, the 4th Inst.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents S. S. Glenartney.

Hongkong, April 3, 1876. ap10

S. S. OLYMPIA,  
FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above Steamer are hereby notified, that their Cargo is being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods remaining in store after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless applied for by the Consignees before 2 p.m. on Monday, the 3rd Inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 3, 1876. ap10

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE British S. S. Hindostan having arrived from the above ports, Consignees are hereby informed that the General Cargo will be landed by and into the Godowns of the Undersigned at Wanchi, whence delivery can be obtained on and after the 6th instant.

Goods remaining in store after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

Consignees of Opium are requested to take delivery from the boat alongside the Ice House Street Wharf, otherwise the Drug will be stored by the Undersigned at Consignee's risk, unprotected by Fire Insurance.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 4, 1876. ap12

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

S. S. IRADUADDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Indus," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at 10 a.m.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before Noon To-morrow, the 7th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 6, 1876. ap14

S. S. ORCHIS, FROM LONDON  
VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby notified, that their Cargo is being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods from the boat alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by WM. PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 7, 1876. ap15

FROM YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

THE S. S. Stad Amsterdam, Captain Boon, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to take immediate delivery of the same, otherwise it will be landed and stored at their risk and expense by the Undersigned.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Agents S. S. Stad Amsterdam.

Hongkong, April 8, 1876.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Argyle having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Agents S. S. Stad Amsterdam.

Hongkong, April 8, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of the Company's Steamer Tiare from Calcutta are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Boats and landed at the Company's Godowns. In both cases it will lie at the Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery shortly after her arrival.

The above Steamer left Singapore on Saturday, 1st April, for this port.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 8, 1876.

## FOR SALE.

DUC DE MONTEBELLO CARTE  
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.  
Quartz, \$16 per case (1 dozen).  
Pinte, \$16 " (2 ")  
5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKY.

\$12 per case (1 dozen).

FOR SALE BY HEARD & CO.  
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

WASHING BOOKS.  
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now  
ready at this Office.—Price \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## TO LET.

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With Immediate Possession.

THE House No. 35, Wellington Street,  
lately in the occupation of Messrs  
Ross & Co.

The Dwelling House No. 4, Alexandra  
Terrace.

The Store and Dwelling House, No. 31,  
Queen's Road, lately in the occupation of  
Miss Garrett.

(Also with occupation from 1st April next.)

The Dwelling House No. 46, Peel Street,  
now in the occupation of Mr. Hausechild.

(And with occupation from 1st May next.)

The Dwelling House No. 1, Alexandra  
Terrace, at present in the occupation of  
Dr. Stout.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1876.

## TO BE LET.

A COMMODIOUS HOUSE in Queen's  
Road East, with Godown attached.  
Rent \$25 per month.

Apply to PURDON & CO.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1876.

## TO LET.

With Possession on the 1st April.  
THE Premises in Queen's Road Central,  
known as the "London Inn."

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1876.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS STORAGE, GODOWNS,  
on the Praia.

Apply to TAYLOR & THOMPSON,  
Hongkong, November 20, 1875.

## TO RENT CHEAP.

OFFICES and Godown, No. 58, Praya,  
lately occupied by Messrs TAYLOR &  
THOMPSON. Also OFFICE and GODOWN  
situated in the rear of the Messageries  
Maritimes Office.

Apply to LAI HING & CO.  
Hongkong, March 30, 1876.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 5, Zetland Street.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1876.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## BISCUIT FLOUR.

A N EXCELLENT FOOD FOR INFANTS and  
CHILDREN.  
MANUFACTURED SOLELY BY  
THE HONGKONG & CHINA BAKERY  
CO., LIMITED.

In Two Containing 6 lbs.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1876. my8

## NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the Undersigned has  
been REMOVED to BURD'S LANE,  
MEYER, ALABOR & CO.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1876. ap16

## NOTIFICATION.

IT is herewith notified that a Custom  
House has been established at  
HOI-HOW (海口), the Treaty Port of  
KIUNGHOW (京口), and has been  
opened for transaction of business under  
this day's date.

H. O. BROWN,  
Commissioner of Customs,  
Kiung Chow Customs,  
Hoi-how, April 1, 1876. my8

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 7, An-tan, Chinese gunboat, 221,  
Godai, King Chow April 3.

April 7, Tigris, French steamer, 1096,  
De Girard, Calcutta Mar. 13, Galis 25, and  
Singapore April 1, Cotton and General—  
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

April 8, Agamemnon, British steamer,  
1560, Wulding, Liverpool Feb. 17, via ports  
of cal. and Singapore April 1, General—  
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

April 8, Feng-chao-hui, Chinese gunboat,  
Palmer, from a cruise.

April 8, Kuan-tung, British steamer,  
491, Adson, Foochow April 5, Amoy 6,  
Swatow 7, General—D. LARSAIX & CO.

April 8, Louise Marie, French bark, 388,  
Laire, Bangkok, Rice and Teakwood—  
LARSAIX & CO.

April 8, Dora, Spanish brig, 341, M. F.  
Luzarraga, April 4, Timber—CART.

April 8, Fevotte, German steamer, 1088,  
Schultze, Saigon April 3, Rice—WM. PUS-  
TAV & CO.

DEPARTURES.

April 7, Glami Castle, for Saigon,  
8, Lathey Rue, for San Francisco.

8, Shih, for Shanghai.

8, Volga, for Yokohama.

8, Rajah, for Swatow.

8, Peng-chao-fai, on a cruise.

## CLEARED.

Genoa, for Saigon.

Stad Amsterdam, for Saigon.

S. G. Reed, for Portland (Oregon).

Lord of the Isles, for San Francisco.

Agamemnon, for Amoy.

Arrington Spear, for Swatow.

Maharach, for Bangkok.

Gregory, for Bangkok.

Vento, for Swatow, &c.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Agamemnon, from Sing-  
apore for Hongkong; Capt. Starkey, Messrs  
Covert, Scott and O. H. Baker, and 174  
Chinese. For Shanghai: from Liverpool,  
Mr. Warwick; from Penang, Mr. Holliday;  
from Singapore, Mr. Kabler.

Per Kwangtung, Mr. Byrne, 3 European

deck and 184 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Volga, for Yokohama,  
Mr. Ri-Aramis.

Per Sindu, for Shanghai, Col. Unterber-

ger, Messrs Chengkong, and servant,

Elliott, Rehders, Evans, Burrough, Stewart,

Bridgman, Bucholster and servant.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The French steamer *Tigre*, reports: Had  
fine weather to Singapore, whence to the  
Island of Hainan fine weather, after passing  
which had strong N.N.E. winds and heavy  
rain.

The British steamer *Chopra*, reports: left  
Saigon 1st instant at 5 p.m. and arrived at  
Hongkong on 7th at 4 p.m. Experienced  
light breeze and fine weather during the  
first part of passage, the latter part very  
heavy head wind and sea with heavy rain  
and vivid flashes of lightning and overcast  
sky.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

## HOME SHIPPING.

The following is taken from the latest  
London Papers:—

## DEPARTURES.

Jan. 6, Annie Braghton, from New York  
to Shanghai.

Jan. 6, Ottercups, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.

Jan. 6, Lydia Till, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.

Jan. 6, Echo, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 11, Titian, from Penarth to Hong-  
kong.

Jan. 13, Antipodes, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.

Jan. 17, Alex. McNeil, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.

Jan. 17, Onward, from Liverpool to Hong-  
kong.

amongst us; and the services will be concluded on Tuesday (in Easter Week) by a Choral Festival, at which "Lauda Sion" will be sung, and an offering taken in aid of the Organ Repairs Fund.

A cross attempt to squeeze was lately made on a Chinese merchant who imported a quantity of aniseed star into the Canton province. He had cleared at the Customs at Canton, and received a certificate for 109 catties of the goods, the duty on which he had paid. When he arrived, however, at the Fatsian Barrier, the correctness of the certificate was disputed, the package being found to weigh 119 catties instead of 109. The Customs people detained the goods and demanded \$50 for its liberation and that of its owner. The man remonstrated, and urged that the 109 catties were the net weight of the goods, while the Customs surely could not charge him duty for the tare. A great crowd was collected, and the man enlisted so much sympathy that the throng threatened to do personal injury to the Barrier officials, who, luckily for themselves, gave way to popular feeling and wisely retired.

THAT robberies have been on the increase since the Viceroy of Canton put down gambling with a strong hand we have already noticed; but we were not quite prepared to hear of forcible abduction within a stone's throw of the Yamen of one of the chief magistrates of the province. Situated in the street in front of the Prefect's Yamen there was an establishment called Ng Fook Tong in which female actors were trained, where there resided always a goodly number of young damsels intended to cater for the amusement of youthful pleasure-seekers, and their owner derived no small profit from this shady profession. A few days ago, a batch of about ten robbers, armed to the teeth, broke the domestic bliss of this establishment by making a forcible entry into the house and carrying away two of the most promising tenants. Pursuit was given, but in spite of an alarm, nobody came to the assistance of the pursuers, who finally gave up the chase. This, it must be said, occurred in broad daylight, and under the very nose, as it were, of the Prefect of Canton.

As a sequel to the self-immolation we recorded the other day of a Chinese lady at Foochow, by strangling herself at a public ceremony, we have to relate a sad incident connected therewith. It appeared that on the day following the eventful occasion, a number of small boys were playing in a barn where there was erected a grinding mill. One of the youngsters, aged about twelve, had been to see the ceremony, and in a sportive spirit imitated the devotion of the self-martyred woman. He suspended a rope over the mill, and after the manner of the heroine put his head into the noose and was thus left swinging. Meantime his playmates had gone off to some other place to enjoy themselves, and on their return, they found to their great horror that the boy was apparently lifeless. They were too frightened to do anything to relieve the poor boy, but raised an alarm which attracted some grown-up people to the spot. It was, however, too late, the little fellow being quite dead when taken down.

We observe the name of the new gunboat recently launched at the Foochow Arsenal is wrongly given by the "Foochow Herald." It should have been 豐國, not 豐國 as given by our contemporary. The translation of the former may be rendered "accomplishment in the study of science." This vessel was constructed after the design delineated by the Chinese students of the Upper School in the Arsenal. The vessel was launched on the 28th March at 10.30 a.m. precisely in the presence of H. M. Ting Jih Chang, the Governor of Fokien and Commissioner of the Arsenal, attended by his whole suite and accompanied by Mr Tong King Sing. The vessel is of 50 horsepower, and her launch was most successful. The distinctive feature in the gun-boat is the fact of her being designed and constructed entirely by Chinese. Hence the appropriate name the Chinese gave to her, to signify the success of their first efforts in the art of ship-building, this being the first vessel ever built by Chinese, without foreign aid, in that establishment. We shall await with much interest the result of her trial trip.

The following is the order of Service of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, Palm Sunday, 9th April, 1876.—

Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 11.—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Colonial Chaplain; First Lesson, Exodus, ix.; Second Lesson, Matthew, xxvi.; Venite, b.; Mercer; Te Deum, 2; Mercer; Benedictus, 8; Mercer; First Hymn, No. 171; Second Hymn, No. 810.

Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4.—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Rev. C. J. Corfe, R.A.; First Lesson, Exodus, x.; Second Lesson, Luke, xix.; from verse 23; Psalms, Nos. 55 and 61; Monk; Cantate Domino, No. 134; Monk; Deus Misericordia, No. 8; Monk; Anthem, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord" (Elijah); No. 50; Hymn after Sermon, No. 4, in anthem book.

The Athletic Sports were continued to-day. The weather was, if anything, rather too warm for running, in fact many of the spectators complained of the warmth and it must have been very trying to the competitors in the various games &c. A very large attendance of spectators were present, both Foreigners and Chinese. The Band of the 23rd Regt. was in attendance and the enjoyment was greatly heightened by their performance. The programme was gone through with punctuality and precision.

1.—Throwing the Hammer. 1st Prize \$5. 2nd \$2.

There were 9 entries for this match, the result being in favour of Br. Matcham, who made a cast of 77 feet 8 inches.

1. Br. Matcham, R.A.  
2. Br. Bass, R.A.

2.—Final Heat 100 Yards, Flat Race.

1. Simpson.  
2. Stait.  
3. Grills.

Time, 13 Sec.

3.—Heavy Marching Order Race—Open to soldiers and marines, 1st Prize \$10, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$2.50.

1. Pt. Demery, 28th.  
2. Pt. Steen, 28th.  
3. Loveday, 28th.

Time, 28 Sec.

4.—300 Yards Flat Race.—Open to Officers of the Army and Navy, and members of the Hongkong and German Clubs. 1st Prize, \$25, 2nd \$10.

Seven ran out of twelve entries. They carried each 20 rounds of ammunition, one Haversack, Blanket, Rifle, and Cutlass. The result being:—

1. Ricketts.  
2. Simpson.  
3. Grills.

Time, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec.

5.—Heavy Marching Order to Blue Jackets only. 1st prize \$10, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$2.50.

Seven ran out of twelve entries. They carried each 20 rounds of ammunition, one Haversack, Blanket, Rifle, and Cutlass. The result being:—

1. H. Pinfield (Audacious).  
2. E. Wheeler  
3. F. Shears

Time, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec.

6.—Final Heat 400 Yards, Flat Race.

Four started, Ricketts took the lead and maintained it throughout; the result being:—

1. Ricketts.  
2. Simpson.  
3. Grills.

Time, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec.

7.—Throwing the Cricket Ball. Presented by the Hongkong Cricket Club. 1st prize, Bat, Pad, and Ball, 2nd \$2.50.

Seven contested out of thirteen entries. The best throw was 91 yards 2 inches by Gunner Rippin, R.A.

1. Gunner Rippin.  
2. J. Whittle (Audacious).

This closed the sports of 1876.

8.—Wheel-Barrow Race—100 Yards. 1st prize, \$3, 2nd \$2.50, 3rd \$1. 75.

In this race the competitors were all blindfolded, and much laughter was excited owing to the competitors going off at a tangent. The successful man kept a very straight course and rushed headlong amongst the spectators, whilst others had to be brought in from various parts of the field.

1. Pt. Steen, 28.

2. W. J. Smith (Victor Emmanuel.)

9.—800 Yards Flat Race—1st prize \$15, 2nd \$7, 3rd \$3. Presented by H.M.S. "Victor Emmanuel."

Close took the lead through Ricketts having made a mistake by going inside the posts, and kept it the second round, followed closely by the latter who again gained the advantage by a mistake on the part of Close, who stopped at the winning post thinking the race was completed, and gave up. He was, however, "sold." This caused some excitement owing to these blunders.

1. Corp. Ricketts, n.m. (Audacious).  
2. Pte. Hagan.  
3. J. Hammond, A.B.

Time, 2.30 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

12.—One Mile Race Open. 1st Prize, \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5, 4th \$2.50.—Presented by C. P. Chater, Esq.

This was the best Flat Race of the meeting. In the 800 yards race Close, as we have noted above, was thrown out, or rather gave up owing to having made a mistake, but in this race he appeared determined to retrieve his error. Ricketts had the lead at starting and kept it the first three rounds when Close closed with him and they ran side by side. On the last round Close shot rapidly ahead winning easily by at least ten yards. He was greatly cheered by his comrades of the 28th and deservedly so.

1. Corp. Close, 28th.  
2. Ricketts, n.m.  
3. Pte. Harrity, 28th.  
4. Quina, 28th.

Time, 5 min. 16 sec.

10.—High Jump, Open to Officers of the Army and Navy, and Members of the Hongkong and German Clubs. Prize—Silver Cup. Presented by Commodore Parish, R.N. and Lieut. Col. Dikins.

Six came forward to contend for this prize, a silver cup. Mr Rhodes and Lt. Farmer and Walker all cleared 4 feet 8 inches, but in the next jump, 4 foot 9 inches, Mr Rhodes slipped and fell under the stand hurting his back. In the next trial, however, he cleared it, but the third time he failed to do so. Lt. Farmer and Walker both cleared 4 foot 10 inches, but Walker was unable to rise to the next jump of 4 feet 11 inches. Farmer took it handomely and rose to 4 feet 11 inches and won.

11.—300 Yards, Flat Race. Open to Midshipmen of the Royal Navy—First prize Silver Cup. \$2.50.

The result of this race was as follows:—

1. Mr Lyon.  
2. Mr Burry.  
3. Mr W. Thompson.

Time, 50 sec.

13.—Final Heat, Tug of War.

Audacious v. Kestrel and other gunboats. Audacious won.

Audacious v. 28th Regt. In this contest the 28th were loudly invited to victory by Lt. Walker, who seemed determined they should be the victors and so it proved, but they had all their work.

23th won.

14.—Final Heat 120 Yards Hurdle Race.

1. Simpson.  
2. Grills.  
3. Stee.

Time, 45 Sec.

15.—300 Yards, Flat Race. Open to Sailors and Marines of Foreign Men of War. 1st Prize \$10, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$2.50.—Post Entries.

Only Frenchmen came to contest for this race, and cries of "Go it Johnnie Crepeau" were heard on every side.

1. Libraon.  
2. La Prince.  
3. Quatre Bouf.

Time, 45 Sec.

16.—Mile Flat Race. Open to Officers, Army and Navy, and Members of the Hongkong and German Clubs.—1st Prize \$25, 2nd \$10.—Presented by Hongkong Athletic Sports.

The following gentlemen came forward for this event:—Messrs. R. G. Alford, Lt. Walker, A. C. Hunter, and E. Melby.

Walker gave up at the third round and Alford at the fourth.

1. Hunter.  
2. E. Melby.

Time, 5m. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

17.—Two Miles Race Open. 1st Prize, \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5, 4th \$2.50.—Presented by Hongkong Kestrel Club.

About eight came to the front for this race, and as might have been expected several gave up before the race was half run. Ricketts had not stay enough to keep up the speed. Close was evidently victor by the time the fourth round had been completed—and won easily.

1. Close.  
2. Behan.  
3. Brown.  
4. Masted.

Time, 11.45 sec.

The first mile was run in 5.30 exactly.

Wheelbarrow Race. 11 Started.

1. Walsh.  
2. Green.  
3. Hicks.

18.—Sack Race. 1st Prize, \$8, 2nd \$2, 3rd \$1.

1. Hart.  
2. J. Smith.  
3. Curtis.

Time, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec.

19.—Tug of War—a Scratch Match.

Army v. Navy.—The Army won this contest after a very hard tussle which lasted at least 5 minutes. Each at first gained a slight advantage.

Here followed some Acrobatic Performances by Private Harrity and Turner, of the 23rd Regt., and a Sikh, who displayed great agility.

Civilians v. Army and Navy.—Both sides appeared determined to win, but the Army won after a very hard tussle.

20.—Consolation Race For Men who have competed in the above Sports, without winning a prize,—1st Prize, \$6, 2nd \$2.50, 3rd \$1.75.

1. King, 28th.  
2. Rose, (Audacious).  
3. Clark, 28th.

This closed the sports of 1876.

### OPENING OF K'UNG-CHOW-FOO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

[The following letter from our correspondent at Hainan is, it will be perceived, dated on the eve of the opening of the port. The description given of the voyage down will doubtless prove of interest to those meditating a voyage thither, as, during such weather as has of late prevailed on the West Coast, the delay likely to overtakes those who keep inshore is worth noting.

In compliance with our wishes the remarks are given in the form of a diary, which being written up at the moment ensures a greater freshness of description than when given as a matter of memory only.]

We are leaving Hongkong, on the morning of the 23rd March, amidst the rainy drizzle to which the Colony has now for some three weeks been accustomed.

The *Ling-feng*, to which for the time being our goods and fortunes are committed, proves, I may observe, a most agreeable surprise.

Scarcely as large in actual tonnage as the smallest British gunboat on the Station, her accommodation is considerably greater than that usually found in vessels double her size. Fitted and finished in a way that would become the smartest yacht, her cleanliness and the discipline of her crew set off her attractions to the fullest advantage, and the pride felt in her by her gallant commander and officers is but natural. She is of course "lively" in a heavy sea, but better, and worse, craft share that peculiarity. On the present occasion we have but slight cause to grumble. There is of course a consciousness that our "walk and understanding" have a shifting basis, but only one of our little party finds matters of urgent importance require his presence elsewhere than at the *Ling-feng*. The absence of extraordinary movement is fortunate, insomuch as our deck is lumbered up slightly—with impediments of very various descriptions, varying from an iron safe to boxes of mysterious liquids "packed in straw cases" with "patent glass stoppers," &c. As these comprehend the chattels of some five or six European officials, their variety is not of course surprising.

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## Portfolio.

## A SONG OF THE COUNTRY.

Away from the roar and the rattle,  
The dust and the din of the town,  
Where to live is to bawl and to battle,  
Till the strong treads the weak man down!  
Away to the bonnie green hills  
Where the sunshine sleeps on the brae,  
And the heart of greenwood thrills  
To the hymn of the bird on the spray.

Away from the smoke and the smother,  
The yell of the din and the brown,  
The pail and the plash and the potter,  
The weet and the waste of the town!  
Away where the sky shines clear,  
And the light breeze wanders at will,  
And the dark pine-wood nests near  
To the light-plumed, birch on the hill.

Away from the whirling and wheeling,  
And steaming above and below,  
Where the heart has no leisure for feeling  
And the thought has no quiet to grow.  
Away where the clear brook purrs,  
And the hyacinth droops in the shade,  
And the plume of the fern uncurls.  
Its grace in the depth of the glade.

Away to the cottage so sweetly  
Embowered 'neath the fringe of the wood,  
Where the wife of my bosom shall meet me  
With thoughts ever kind and good;  
More dear than the wealth of the world,  
Fond mother with bairns three,  
And the plump-armed babe that has curled  
Its lips sweetly pouting for me.

Then away from the roar and the rattle  
The dust and the din of the town,  
Where to live is to bawl and to battle  
Till the strong treads the weak man down.  
Away where the green twigs nod  
In the fragrant breath of the May,  
And the sweet growth spreads on the sod,  
And the blithe birds sing on the spray.

—John Stuart Blackie.

O lovest of the flowers, I ween thou art fairest,  
But thorny and worthless the stem that thou bearest,  
Fleeting thy beauty, unlovely thy fruit;  
World, I would likest thee unto the roses;  
Sweet are thy flatteries, sad are their closes,  
Virtue and goodness in them have no root,  
Red is the berry, O Ross! on thy bushes;  
March is its inside, though fairly it blushes,  
So, world, dost thou lure us and mock us  
With lies;  
Outside thy seeming is gracious and sunny,  
Outside thy greetings are sweet as the honey,  
Bitter thy kernel;—O man, then, be wise!

—A Monk of the 13th Century.

I know we are above doing anything for the sake of the gratitude which will be given for it, and which is so often beyond the worth of the thing done. Indeed, gratitude is often just as painful as Wordsworth represents it. It makes us so ashamed; it makes us think how much more we might have done; how lovely a thing it is to give in return for such common gifts as ours; how needy the man or woman must be in whom a trifling wakes such emotion.—Geo. Macdonald.

FANCIES are the blossoms of facts; purer and lovelier for strong hold on truth, just as the fairest roses are grown in the finest soil.

THERE are bad preachers who are praised, and good preachers who are blamed; look at the fruits; if these are good, then the tree is good also.—Starkie.

A FIXED idea is like the iron rod which the sculptors put in their statues. It impresses and sustains. A great man is absorbing because he is absorbed.—Taine.

UNHAPPY he who desires to die so long as there remains to him one sacrifice to make, one joy to create, troubles to prevent, tears to dry.—Madame Swetchine.

THERE is nothing more grateful to the human heart than this appreciation of cultivated men. If it be not the echo of prosperity, it is something certainly more solid and well pleasing.—Lowell.

WE knew not how God would dispose of us when we came into the world; we know not how he will dispose of us when we get out of it, but since he dealt so bountifully with us, why may he not do so again?

If you find yourself losing all your confidence in human nature, you are nearing an old age of vinegar, of wormwood and gall; and not a mournful will follow your solitary bier; not one tear-drop shall ever fall on your forgotten grave.—Dr. Hall.

He who frets is never the one who mends, heals, or who repairs evils; more, he discourages, enfeebles, and too often disables those around him, who, but for the gloom and depression of his company, would do good work and keep up brave cheer. And when the fretter is one who is beloved, whose nearness of relation to us makes his fretting even at the weather seem almost like a personal reproach to us, then the misery of it becomes indeed insupportable. Most men call fretting a minor fault, foible, and not a vice. There is no vice except drunkenness which can so utterly destroy the peace, the happiness of a home.—H. How.

THE real interest of men and women everywhere is personal and human. They may talk about material economics and scientific developments, and shoot off their fusils like a succession of rockets into the cold and thin air of reason; but they come straightway back to personal relations and regards. Three-quarters of their talk is about persons. They live in a world of hearts. They care chiefly for human attachments, sympathy, and approbation. If they toil for money, it is for the humanities; it will buy, the favor it will bring, the comfort it will diffuse, the love it will carry to other hearts. Even the flowers that bloom in our gardens, are cherished quite as much for their sentiment as for their beauty.—Golden Age.

THE laws of nature are just but terrible. There is no weak mercy in them. Cause and consequence are inseparable and inevitable. The elements have no forbearance. The fire burns, the water drowns, the air compresses, the earth buries. And perhaps it would be well for our race if the punishment of our crimes against the laws of men were as inevitable as the punishment of crimes against the laws of nature.—Longfellow.

GENIUS, without energy, is as bad as a luxuriant hop vine without envy pale. Energy is what wins; money will fail to reach the mark because the powder in them is proportioned to the lead.

## A CHINESE SPECULATION.

'It is a tempting offer, Mr Sin-lin-tai—very tempting!' said I, hesitating and puzzled.

'Then why you not say Yes—one great big Yes—and let us shake hands upon the bargain?' returned the Chinese merchant promptly, but with an odd expression, as I fancied, in those long, sly, slow-black eyes of his.

Now, the proposal in question was a tempting one addressed to a poor fellow like myself, who had suddenly slipped down some rounds of Fortune's ladder. I, Frank Hepburn, bred to the sea, had lately been chief-officer of a noble clipper-ship, the *Swiftsure*, and with the certainty of becoming her captain in two voyages more. Our owners, fine old-fashioned specimens of the British merchant, had become insolvent through the failure of some bank, and their vessels had been sold for another trade. There was I, reduced to kick my heels on the quays of Shang-hai, waiting for an engagement, while my little venture, as part owner of the *Swiftsure*, was lost in the general ruin. What made matters worse was, that I was in love, and betrothed to pretty Lilian Travis, the niece of a worthy member of the British mercantile community established that strange city that the magician Commerce has conjured up at the mouth of the great river, and that now our marriage seemed to be almost hopelessly deferred. I was thirty-two years of age, and had nothing left to me save my robust health and professional knowledge. Quite unexpectedly, Sin-lin-tai, with whom my acquaintance was of the slightest, had accosted me in his blandest manner, and had proposed that I should assume the command of a large and new steamer, the *Cassandra*, which belonged to himself and partner, and was bound on a coasting voyage to Canton and Singapore, with a valuable cargo and sundry passengers. The salary named was a liberal one, and the position, as I was assured, permanent.

It may seem unreasonable on my part, that I hung back, instead of closing eagerly with so advantageous a proposition; but then I had heard odd stories coupled with the names of my would-be employers. Ah-chang and Sin-lin-tai had, unless fate failed them, made their money through queer channels, and were deemed to be unscrupulous even beyond the average of their countrymen. Ah-chang was an enormously corpulent and silent old Chinaman, two of whose sons were mandarins; but the junior partner, who was fluent in the English tongue, was well known in Shang-hai as a pushing man of business, while both were reputed to be rich. I suppose that Sin (as we familiarly styled him in his absence) read my thoughts, for he lightly laid his claw-like fingers on my sleeve, and said: 'Aha! Why, you say, Mr Hepburn, why Chinese give steamer for you? Just this—you got stout heart and cool head plenty much. Not do this (imitating the action of drinking); and so save ship, if storm come or bad thieves come. Chinese trust you!'

I began to think it not improbable that such reputation as I had acquired for seamanship and steadiness might, after all, have been the real reason for the preference shown to me.

A fine steamer was the *Cassandra*, glistening in all the freshness of her new paint and trim rigging, as, having acceded to her owner's offer, Sin-lin-tai took me out into the harbour to inspect the craft, of which I was to be commander. Two lighters or rafts lay alongside of her, whence the pig-tailed slaves were bustling, like so many lads, ants, over her gangway. A fine ship, neat and taut, as though turned out of a bandbox, and by means the sort of vessel likely to belong to Ah-chang and partner. 'Your chief-officer,' remarked Sin carelessly, when I had admired the mirrors and gilding of the best cabin, 'will be first-chop seaman. You know Bates?'

'Not the American? Not Brasidas Bates?' asked I, with a start. Sin nodded, but I looked and felt grave. That Mr Bates of Baltimore, known as 'Chinaman Bates' in Shang-hai parlance, on account of his taste for Chinese customs and associates, was a first-rate seaman, I could not deny. But he bore a dubious character; and had Sin and his fat partner made him their captain, with secret sailing orders to plunder and scuttle every determined junk he sighted, I should have been less surprised than at their selection of myself.

'Duckett,' Sin made haste to say, 'is second-officer. He is your old shipmate.'

This was true, and a good sailor was Bill Duckett, when the brandy bottle was kept out of his reach; but I rather wondered that the cautious Chinese should have viewed his besetting weakness so indulgently. 'And our head engineer?' I inquired; 'and the third-mate? for three are needed for so big a steamer.'

Sin-lin-tai very handsomely left the appointment of these two functionaries to me, and we parted on excellent terms.

Throughout the remainder of that day, and the greater part of the next, the question would keep recurring to my mind, as though some haunting demon had whispered it in my ear: Why did Ah-chang and Company seek me out to sail their steamer? Even dear Lilian's innocent joy, or her uncle's hearty congratulations, could not blind me to the fact that there must be something to account for the extraordinary appreciation of my nautical merits shewn by Sin and his partner. The sort of skippers whom Chinese shipowners like to engage are—well! perhaps are best defined as men of elastic conscience, ready to drop the honest trader at short notice, and to smuggle, or worse, when crooked courses promise a high profit.

It so happened that my doubts were to be soothed, and with a vengeance, for as I was making my way homewards, by a short cut, from the house of Mr Travis, I heard my own name mentioned, and mechanically came to a halt, close to a ruined godown, or native warehouse, void of goods now, and through the rotten and breached bamboo walls of which I caught a glimpse of two persons in earnest conversation. One wore the flowing robe and satin boots which sufficiently denoted his nationality; the other was in European garb.

'We must put him throat,' had the latter, thoughtfully; 'for Frank Hepburn's clear grit, though I never liked the dog.'

'Must you indeed, Mr Bates?' thought I, for I had recognized my precious first-officer in the gentleman in black above-going clothes; 'but with your leave, there go two words to that bargain!'

'You do as you much like. You master!' answered Sin, with a cackling little laugh, for cruelty, to a Chinaman's fancy, always suggests itself in the light of a good joke. 'Perhaps more comfortable. Not nice.'

'But,' said Bates, meditatively, 'it will be a tough job and a ticklish one. There are those foregoers follows out of the

*Windsor Castle* that you would play on board.'

'Well, well, my dear Bates,' returned the Chinese coaxingly; 'would it do for them to say, Ah-chang and partnership no decent hand, only a sum of grog-shop, and their own *Cassandra* what you can? No wonder *Cassandra* able make fight of it in the Narrows.'

'Ah, that's it, and those *Windsor Castle* chaps will stand by him.' Six brass guns, too, and a long rifled gun amidstships! I tell you.'

'And I tell you,' interrupted the Chinese man, becoming excited: 'you find now, and Ah-chang say, Sin say: Bates turned toward, Bates no good; he not get ten thousand silver dollar, nor two, nor one. I say, steamer must be boarded, cargo must be taken, passenger pay ransom; or—' and he ended the sentence by passing his yellow hand, edgewise, across his throat, 'as for guns, why—Sure some one there? For a bit of bamboo had cracked under my feet, and I thought it wisest to hurry away before my presence on the spot should be detected.'

What was I to do? Nothing was clearer but that foulest treachery was designed, and that life and property were at stake in danger. The *Cassandra* had on board a valuable freight belonging to native merchants, who were to sail with us, along with other wealthy passengers, European and Chinese. From these latter, a heavy ransom could probably, by threats or torture, be extorted; while the steamer was no doubt insured for her full value, and could probably be summarily sold into the Japan or Indian trade, after her cargo had been unloaded, and the evidence of unseaworthy report.'

The boy went, but did not return. The engine worked but slackly, and soon a hoarse, confused noise arose from below.

'Something wrong in the engine-room?' said I wonderingly. 'Mr Hardy, go below and inquire what is amiss.'

But the mate had scarcely begun to descend the ladder before he called out:

'Mutiny, sir, below. Some of these Chinese villains have.'

Then he was dragged down by unseen hands, and left the sentence unfinished; while almost instantly the screw ceased to turn, and the steam came rushing up the waste-pipe, as the *Cassandra* floated idly down the current. A cry of surprise was uttered by the passengers, and was answered by another cry—the fierce, exulting yell of barbarians assured of an easy victory, as forth from the mangrove-fringed waters of a neighbouring creek there emerged three lorcha, their sharp sails spread to catch the breeze, and their long sweeps lashing the water into froth, as the frantic rowers tugged at them; while, outstripping these, came on a score of boats, sampans, and canoes, full of wild and scantily clothed figures who came on as fast as paddle and pole could urge their light skiffs, flourishing their weapons with every possible gesture of brutal menace.

I looked around for Bates. He was, as I expected, among the Chinese on the forecastle, some of whom had overpowered the engineer and firemen, and stopped the engines, while the others were obviously preparing for a rush at. Then I threw a glance at the approaching pirates.

'If Hamilton is unable to keep his promise Heaven help us,' said I, with a groan, as my eye ranged over land and water without seeingught but what was hostile. 'They shall not, anyhow, say that I failed to do my best.—Cast loose that gun, I ordered, pointing to a brass carronade, train it forward, and when I give the word, fire!

The pick of my English crew obeyed, as sailors do obey when they respect their officer; and the advancing Chinamen, in whose hands now gleamed knives and swords drew back as they were confronted by the threatening muzzle of the cannon.

'Chicken-hearts!' thundered Bates, who was a really bold villain, and he added some words in Chinese which revived their courage.

'You'd best give up captain. It's no use.'

I spiked every gun of the lot with my own hands.'

'I know you did, you traitor!' shouted Duckett, the second-mate, suddenly emerging, armed to the teeth, from the cabin hatch; 'but Captain Hepburn and I were clever enough to set all right without your being the wiser. Ah! you thought me stupid, did you, with the drugged liquor? You're mistaken, my hearty, for I pitched brandy and opium overboard together, and—'

Before the second-mate could complete his speech, Bates had drawn his pistol, and fired three shots, the first of which grazed Duckett's left temple, while the third wounded me slightly in the shoulder.

Bates! in answer, went the brass gun, and the grape-shot swept the fore-deck as, with the scythe of death, moving down the mutineers like grass. But already the canoes and sampans were grappled with the war-cries of the pirates, as wild forms came clambering over the *Cassandra*'s bulwarks, and the Chinese crew, cowed for a moment, plucked up spirit enough to renew the attack.

What was that? Surely, I could not be mistaken. It must be—it was a ringing British cheer that reached me in the midst of all that fiendish discord, and promised hope. A boat, yes, and another, came towards us as fast as the gallant rowers could move; the savages in their tough ashén cars. The boats of H.M.S. *Wasp*, no doubt, for here from behind the friendly shelter of a mangrove-tufted creek, emerges the gun-boat herself, sending shot and shell with unerring aim into the enemy's midship; so that, before five minutes were spent, one of the lorcha had sunk, and another was on fire; while the savages in the canoes were only too thankful to beat a retreat as rapidly as possible shorewards. As soon as the gun-boat had been seen, and the *Wasp*'s blue-jackets came scambling up the side, the rascally native confederates of the pirates flung down their arms, and with abject entreaties for mercy, fell upon their knees, and were put in irons to await their trial at Shang-hai.

Bates, the thief culprit, lay dead upon the deck, riddled with grape-shot from that

very gun which he had confidently believed

himself to have rendered harmless; but we

had to deplore the loss of poor Hardy

and the head-engineer, both of whom had

been cruelly put to death by the Chinese

mutineers, on whom had devolved the task

of stopping the engines as the steamer drew

near to the not agreed to intercept her

passage. The pirates received on that day a severe lesson, for the *Wasp* kept up her fire until the third lorcha also was destroyed, and the flames were rising from the huts of a village whether our late foes had fled.

'I've kept my word, Frank, as you see!

said Hamilton, as we shook hands on the gun-boat's quarter deck, after the straits had been swept clear of the pig-tailed enemy;

but though, by means of natives apes and

a bright look-out, I managed to prepare my counter-attack without underhand tricks

having a suspicion that a gun-boat lay

hidden so close to that man-trap of theirs,



## Intimations.

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THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

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The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-paged, bi-monthly, repository of what echo-lars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address *China Review*, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.)

*Traveller's Oriental Record* contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *She King*, by the Rev. E. J. Etel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

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